

and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

***Amendments***

***In the Title:***



Please substitute the following Title of the Invention for the pending Title of the Invention:

**Galectin 9 Polypeptides**

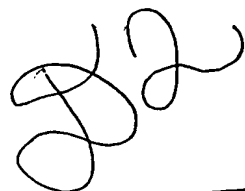
***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claim 115 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim 114 for the pending claim 114:

  Claim 114 (once amended). An isolated protein comprising 30 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4.

Please substitute the following claim 116 for the pending claim 116:

 Claim 116 (once amended). The protein of claim 114 comprising 50 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4.

Please substitute the following claim 133 for the pending claim 133:

Claim 133 (once amended). An isolated protein comprising amino acid residues encoded by a polynucleotide which hybridizes to the polynucleotide complement of the coding region of SEQ ID NO:3 under the following conditions:

(a) incubating overnight at 42°C in a solution consisting of 50% formamide, 5x SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5x Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 µg/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA; and

(b) washing at 65°C in a solution consisting of 0.1x SSC;

wherein said polynucleotide encodes a protein having a biological activity selected from the group consisting of:

(a) lactose binding activity; and

(b) binding activity for an antibody having specificity for a polypeptide consisting of the complete amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.